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TO : Chief, Security Support Division Date: 6 May 1958
ATTN : []
FROM : Interrogation Research Division
SUBJECT: S.F.# 79367 IRD# 25817

I - PROCEDURE

1. Subject, a thirty-three year old married male, an alien of Circassian origin who has been used by this Agency in a covert capacity, was afforded a security interview using the detection of deception technique on 22 April 1958 between the hours of 0930 and 1600. The interview and interrogation was conducted by this examiner in Russian.

2. The test was requested by [] MEA, Subject's case officer. The case was discussed with Messrs. [] [] SE/DOB, and [] CI/OA.

3. [] explained that the purpose of the polygraph interview was to determine the validity of specific allegations made against Subject during Subject's assignment to the Middle East area last year -- -- as about the other points which are listed in the report. []'s request for a polygraph test stems from a recommendation made in dispatch #EIAA-1771 dated 23 January 1958 from Chief of Station [] to Chief, MEA. The recommendation from the field requested that the polygraph be utilized to establish if the allegations against Subject are valid or without foundation. The principal allegations against Subject were made by Alexis WRAMHEL (MR IRD). On the basis of []'s request and the recommendation indicated in the field dispatch, Subject was afforded a polygraph interview to specifically resolve the following:

- A. Determine the validity of the allegations made against Subject by Alexis WRAMHEL regarding Subject's behaviour on his last assignment to the Middle East, namely:
- (1) that Subject caused dissension and unrest among the Circassians Colony in Jordan by slanderous remarks about WRAMHEL and the Tolstoi Foundation and by mixing in Circassian refugee politics.
 - (2) that Subject compromised his assigned cover during his intelligence assignment to the Middle East.
 - (3) that Subject either hinted, inferred, implied or specifically said that he was associated with either the American Intelligence or with the American Government.

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- (4) that Subject and his brother, Moos, correspond with persons in the Soviet Union.
- (5) that Subject's claim to "special relationship" existing between Subject and Said HIFWI (MR ID) and others in Jordan was exaggerated.
- (6) that Subject and his brother were active in urging Christians refugees to repatriate to the Soviet Union prior to Subject's departure to the United States in 1955.
- (7) that Subject has never admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party in Russia.
- (8) that Subject visited the Soviet Consulate in 1957 in Damascus.
9. Also of interest to persons interested in this case was to determine the degree of Subject's association with Ibrahim CHALIC (phonetic - MR ID) an alien who is abroad by repatriate to the Soviet Union. Specifically, if Subject ever made an attempt to recruit CHALIC, or had ever told CHALIC anything about the ARABIAN Program.

10. Prior to testing it was definitely agreed to and understood by all interested persons in this case that the examiner would cover only the above listed allegations and that no attempt would be made to check out any other phase of the Subject's past, i.e., anything about any discrepancies in Subject's autobiography, his past association with British Intelligence, his monetary remuneration prior to employment with the Agency or any other unresolved issues of Subject's life. In fact, anything mentioned about Subject's past was corroborated voluntarily by Subject during the interview.

II - DETAILS

1. During this interview Subject freely admitted to previously falsifying his biographic information. Subject stated that falsification of his autobiography began when he first identified his age to the examiner. This he did to get a better deal for himself, since he thought that he would get a more responsible position with the Agency if he could claim that he was older than he actually was. From this falsification of age he had to make up additional falsifications about education, employment, military education and military service. This "down the line" falsification, Subject said, was done with no ulterior motive other than for the purpose indicated above.

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2. Subject related that once he gave this false autobiography to the American Consulate in Jordan when he was seeking to emigrate to the United States, he could not back down and admit that he lied when he was approached by American intelligence. Consequently, he gave the same false story to American intelligence as he gave to the U. S. Immigration authorities because of the fear of losing the right to come to the United States.

3. Subject added that he kept up the false pretense until SA/DGB realized when he found out that the student would have to handle gymnastic and demolition charges. At this point, Subject reconsidered everything and realized that as a supposedly former lieutenant in the Red Army he might be called upon by the DGB instructors to demonstrate how demolition charges were handled by former Soviet army officers. If such an incident occurred, Subject said he would certainly lose face in front of his instructor and the students and besides, that he had no intention of blowing himself up through ignorance regarding the handling of explosives or because of false pride.

4. Subject said it was at this point that he tried to get in contact with his original case officer, [] (phonetic) tail [] of his falsification. However, at that time [] was away for two or three weeks and Subject could not rectify his false autobiography. It was at this point that Subject was again rephotographed by DGB and it was at this time, according to Subject, that he admitted to the DGB everything about his falsification when the examiner accused Subject of lying. Despite Subject's explanation of the reason he decided to rectify his falsification regarding his autobiography, it should be pointed out that it took the former examiner over three hours of intensive interrogation and pressure to get Subject to admit to his falsification and Subject did not freely give this information. (See DGB report 27 Aug '57 - especially Par 26.)

III - CONCLUSIONS

An analysis of the Subject's polygraph charts indicate that Subject was not attempting deception to the pertinent questions, regarding specific allegations, asked of him during the polygraph testing. Based on this polygraphic evidence the examiner is of the opinion that Subject is substantially truthful about questions asked of him and that the allegations against Subject are probably without foundation.

IV - EXAMINER'S NOTES

1. At the conclusion of the polygraph testing it was brought to the attention of Messrs. [], [], and [] that polygraphic evidence indicates that Subject was not attempting deception to the questions asked of him about the allegations made against him on his last trip to the Middle East. However, one thing

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that has to be kept in mind is that other than a comparatively brief debriefing regarding Subject's true autobiography conducted by the previous IDO examiner during the August 1971 polygraph interrogation previous IDO examiner submitted to falsifying his personal history, no one in which Subject admitted to derailing Subject as to his actual and/or tactical autobiography, at least, there is no such indication in any of the Subject's files which were reviewed by this examiner.

2. There is no doubt that with a complete and expert debriefing by a person acquainted with Soviet reality, a complete picture of Subject may be forthcoming. However, to date all operational and evaluation of Subject and his qualifications for possible future assignments, are based on his previously related autobiography, much of which (since August 1971), Subject has admitted to be false and fictitious.

3. The Subject himself expressed astonishment about how simple it was to falsify to the American Intelligence incidents which in his opinion are very easily checked out and verified and which, when he says such was not the case, he continued to keep on insisting were true.

4. It is now evident (since October 1971) from a review of Subject's files that his proposed assignment and utilization as well as his assessment by his case officers, was based on admitted lies and fabrication, yet no action to rectify this situation has been taken by the interested parties.

5. In Subject's [] file there is a BR/DOS memorandum dated 27 September 1971 and designated as for the record, which notes discrepancies in Subject's biography but there is no indication that any attempt was made to obtain from Subject a correct and true version of his personal history.

6. Subject himself volunteered that he was never in the Ordzhonikidze Military Academy and was never in the Soviet Army; Subject also mentioned that he was previously married for about six months prior to going over to the Germans but that he left his first wife and knows nothing of what happened to her. (See Part II of IDO report dated 27 Aug '71).

7. A cursory review of Subject's explanation to IDO examiner on the October 1971 interview regarding his supposedly true explanation of his personal history, indicates to this examiner continued discrepancies which are still evident and it is the opinion of the undersigned that Subject has not yet fully told his true and complete autobiography.

8. To this examiner Subject said during the interview that he was kicked out of Komsomol candidacy because in school he misbehaved towards a schoolgirl. To a previous examiner he stated that he had been refused admission because of an omission on his FBI regarding an uncle (See Part 2, IDO report of 27 Aug '71 ... Part VI 1 and 2, IDO report of 18 Oct '71).

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9. During the pre-polygraph interview Subject was told that specific allegations made against him would have to be resolved. He stated that he himself had heard and had known of these allegations while abroad on his trip, but stated that he also knows the basic source who is making these allegations and knows that they are not true. Consequently, he is not the least bit concerned about them other than the fact that they bother him as would a "small bothersome guest who is buzzing around a person's head."

10. Subject explained that the greatest ambition of his life is to eventually be the official representative and leader of a Circassian group in the Middle East or eventually even in the Soviet Union if and when Democracy (American) wins over Communism. Subject believes that if he cooperates and works honestly and diligently with the Americans, they would surely pick him as the person to represent the Circassian group rather than to give the responsibility of leadership to someone who had not satisfactorily earned them.

11. Subject compared himself with the present personalities who are at the head of the Circassians in the Middle East and frankly stated that he feels that he is their equal. In dealing, politics and political games, he is not greatly superior. Of this he is thoroughly convinced and believes that his continued association and cooperation with the Americans is one of the steps by which he will eventually attain a position of leadership of his group or even of a Circassian nation, which may eventually be placed under American sponsorship. Subject added that he was strongly nationalistic (Circassian) and is anti-Arabian whether it be Communist or White Russians; to him and his Circassian group everything and everyone Russian is undesirable and his Circassian group everything and everyone Russian is undesirable. On the basis of this whether the Russian is anti- or pro- Communist. On the basis of this feeling he is willing to do everything to help the American Government and fight Communism. Subject admitted that he is not a native child and that since his own objective in life is to help his Circassian group he will use every opportunity whether it be a government or an individual to attain his purpose. Subject knows and understands that his own hope of attaining his ambition is through the aid of the American Government and stated that knowing this fact it would be foolish or even stupid on his part to do anything against the interest of the American Government either now or in the future. (In this connection, see Part IV b and 5, of IDO report LC-27 Aug '57).

12. One of the exhibits in the Subject's file, submitted by WALKER, was the original letter written by HERMAN (IR ID) in Russian and translated by WALKER. A translation of this letter by the examiner is designated as Exhibit A in this report. The letter is written in a very illiterate manner; it is grammatically incorrect and does not have continuity. The words in parentheses were included for the purpose of clarity, and are included by the examiner. The letter was translated as close as possible to contain the original meaning and no attempt was made to make it sound grammatically correct. The letter does not have the signature

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of KROUNO as WRANSEL indicates, but instead is initialed with letters resembling Russian characters "U" and "A" which do not appear to be the alleged writer's initials (which would be Russian characters "R" "E"). The letter is not translated correctly in its entirety by WRANSEL, nor is there a date on the letter.

13. Since the translation of KROUNO's letter contains some of the allegations against the Subject, it is the opinion of this examiner that the factual contents of this letter should be made a matter of record in Subject's file and that it be the correct and actual translation.

14. An example of one of the main points in this letter which has been translated incorrectly by WRANSEL is:

WRANSEL'S TRANSLATION VERSION: THE ACTUAL TRANSLATION SHOULD BE:

"...It is known that Esherin and Moss S. _____ were members of Communist and Komsomol Parties respectively in Russia...."

"... As they were always, Moss a member of the Party and Esherin (a member) of the Komsomol...."

The above information in its original language is quite clear and no mistakes should have been made by WRANSEL in translating the letter since WRANSEL is supposedly fluent in both Russian and English.

V - SPECIALIZED COVERAGE

1. The following information was related by Subject regarding WRANSEL's allegations and are reported in the order which they are listed above in this report.

2. Regarding allegations that Subject caused discussion and unrest among the Circassian Colony in Jordan by discussions remarks about WRANSEL and the Yabotai Foundation and by mixing in Circassians refugee politics:

Subject stated that all of WRANSEL's allegations are without foundation and said that he never made any complimentary or slanderous remarks about either the Yabotai Foundation or WRANSEL's relatives during his last assignment in the Middle East. However, he now feels very strongly against WRANSEL for WRANSEL's allegations against him. Subject stated that since his departure from Jordan in 1955 he has made no derogatory remarks about the Yabotai Foundation. Subject qualified his answer by "Since 1955..." stating that prior to 1955 he was "the leader" of the Circassian Refugees in Jordan. During that time Subject would, on certain occasions, tell his fellow refugees in Jordan that they did not have to be completely dependent on the Yabotai Fund for aid in immigrating to the United States, and that other welfare organizations like the World Church Service, etc., aid refugees in immigrating to the United States. Subject said that he may have made

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these remarks during periods when he thought that the Tolstol Foundation was not working as actively as it should regarding Subject's group of refugees. Subject added that he himself was helped by the Tolstol to immigrate to the United States and that since he left Jordan in 1955, and especially on his last trip he had nothing but praise for the work of the Tolstol Foundation and told some Circassians to stick with the Tolstol Fund if they desired expeditious immigration to the United States.

Subject advised that during his trip he made no public derogatory remarks either against WAGNER or the latter's father. On the contrary, Subject said that WAGNER did his utmost to *arrange* and prevent the Subject's character and reputation in a very uncomplimentary manner. Subject related the account of his visit to WAGNER as he had reported it to his case officer and also stated that he received reports from fellow Circassians as well as from the brother of Said MURIL, Dr. Samerit MURIL (AKA IDB) that he, (Subject) on several occasions was told by WAGNER about what an unworthy character Subject was. Subject stated that reports reached him that WAGNER was attempting to influence some of the Department of State personnel so that people in authority at the American Embassy would hear about Subject's bad reputation not directly from WAGNER, but from some of their own people.

Subject underlined that he was particularly careful not to mix in Circassian refugee politics during his stay in Jordan and tried not to attract too much attention to himself and his presence there, knowing that if he mixed in Circassian politics he would attract undue attention to his presence in Jordan.

3. Relative to the allegation that Subject compromised his assigned cover during his intelligence assignment to the Middle East:

Subject stated that at no time during his trip to the Middle East did he ever do anything or say anything that would compromise or "flag" his cover. Subject stated that he neither inferred, implied nor specifically say to anyone, not even his brother, about his association with American intelligence or the American Government. Subject stated that to all Circassians in Jordan as well as in the other countries that he visited in the Middle East, he consistently referred to his import-export cover that he was assigned. In fact, Subject stated that not even his brother knows about his real association with the American Government.

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4. When discussing the allegation that Subject and his brother Moos (phonetic) corresponded with persons in the Soviet Union:

Subject described this as being "half true." Subject stated that he himself does not correspond with anyone in the Soviet Union and has not done so since he left Jordan in 1955. Subject stated that Moos corresponds with his two sons who are presently in the Soviet Union residing in Tobolsk. Subject stated that the Circassian Colony in Amman has one post office box to which all mail is addressed. Mail coming to any individual member of the Circassian group is delivered to this post office box in the name of the addressee. When someone writes from Soviet Russia they write the addressee's name and Box # 935, Amman, Jordan. Subject stated that it is to this "general" post office box that all mail, and some of it does come from the Soviet Union, arrives for the Circassian refugees. When Subject's brother first established this post office box he went to the Jordanian Intelligence and told Lt. Adir ANK (MR ID) who is the Chief of the Police School of Amman that he had established this post office box. Subject also mentioned that he has read letters addressed to his brother from the latter's two sons, from the Soviet Union, and in one of the letters there was a request for a picture of Subject and questions about what Subject does, where he is, etc. Subject stated, however, that he refused to allow his brother to send the picture of him to his two sons in the Soviet Union.

5. Regarding Subject's claim to a special relationship existing between Subject and Said MURTI (MR ID) as well as other Jordanians which is said to be exaggerated:

Subject stated that in his opinion this was not so. During his trip to Jordan Subject was received by the Said MURTI at the latter's home and feels that he and Said MURTI are in agreement with each other socially. In fact, Subject feels that being a Circassian, he, Subject, is more liked by Said MURTI than any person of Russian origin. Subject stated that Said MURTI's brother, Rafe'l MURTI (MR ID) and Subject do not get along and have not gotten along personally since Subject's arrival in Jordan in the late 40's. Consequently, Rafe'l MURTI takes every occasion to downgrade Subject's reputation and Subject feels that Rafe'l often sides with THEMSEL against Subject for this purpose. When Subject was asked for the reason of this strained relationship between himself and Rafe'l MURTI, Subject related the following information:

When Subject and his Circassian group first came to Jordan, Rafe'l MURTI asked Subject about a certain young girl who was in the Subject's group of refugees.

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Baba'1, KIRTI was interested in marrying this girl and questioned Subject about her. Subject stated that he told Baba'1 KIRTI that the girl was willing to marry and that she was still a virgin. After marriage, Baba'1 KIRTI discovered that such was not the case and accused Subject of deceiving him. Subject admitted to the examiner that this fact was true, however, said that he bragged to tell Baba'1 KIRTI that he was responsible for the girl's status. Baba'1 KIRTI, however, found this out when he questioned his wife during which time she blurted out that Subject was the one who was responsible for seducing her. Ever since that time, Baba'1 KIRTI has understandably been to a certain degree antagonistic towards the Subject.

Subject also mentioned Fawis MAHIR (NE ID) as a person whom Subject could very easily recruit. During his visit to Jordan Subject visited Fawis MAHIR's home a few times and Fawis MAHIR visited Subject. Subject stated that when he was leaving Jordan to return back to the United States, Fawis MAHIR took him out to see Subject to the plane and even took the Subject around in his own car. In fact, Subject also mentioned that Fawis MAHIR asked that he send Subject, together with Mohamed Fawis FATA (NE ID) some a photograph taken, which they did. Subject feels that he can recruit MAHIR immediately if necessary and although MAHIR is loyal to the King, Subject is sure he would work for the Americans against anything Communistic. Subject mentioned that while in Jordan he was concerned about what his U. S. employer, the Insurance company, would say about his extended stay in Jordan. Consequently, in order to have proof of a valid reason for his extended stay, Subject obtained a document which indicated that he had served in the Jordanian National Guard Reserve (being a Jordanian citizen) while he was in Jordan. Subject stated that he obtained this document from one of the Circassian workers, filled it out, and signed it in Arabic.

6. Regarding the allegation that Subject and his brother, Moos were active in urging Circassian refugees to repatriate to the Soviet Union prior to Subject's departure to the United States in 1955:

This, Subject said, is a falsehood. Subject stated that he never urged anyone to return to the Soviet Union, on the contrary, he has always tried to convince people not to return to the Soviet Union. In fact, Subject stated that it was his efforts which kept many of the Circassians refugees from returning to the Soviet Union during the period of hardship that the refugee group endured after the war.

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7. The allegation that Subject has never admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party in Russia was discussed with Subject:

He replied that he had never been a member nor a candidate for the Communist Party. If Exhibit A (attached to this report) is the only basis of this allegation, then there is no validity to it, because, as he explained, the allegation does not indicate that Subject was a Communist Party member but rather, that he was a member of the Komsomol. When Subject was questioned about this fact he said that he did apply for Komsomol membership on several occasions but as previously indicated, never got beyond the status of a candidate, and was never actually a member of the Komsomol. Subject admitted that his brother was a Communist Party member; however, this point was not elaborated upon.

8. Relative to the allegation that Subject visited the Soviet Consulate in 1978 in Damascus:

When questioned about any visit which he may have made to any Soviet installation or building in the Middle East, Subject said that in 1978 or 1979 he did visit a Soviet Pavilion when he attended the International Fair in Damascus. Subject stated that he visited the Soviet Pavilion not to talk with anyone but to subordinate an existing rumor that one of the Circassian individuals in Damascus was working for the Soviets. Subject stated that he never visited any Communist installation or building at any time since his departure from the Soviet Union.

B. SPECIFIC COVERAGE

1. Another request regarding Subject was to determine the degree of Subject's association with Ibrahim CHALIDC an alien who is about to repatriate to the Soviet Union:

Subject explained that CHALIDC is a displaced person who lives in the same general residential area in Rotterdam, New Jersey, as does Subject. Subject's actual association with CHALIDC consisted of seeing CHALIDC, possibly on two separate occasions at local gatherings during which Subject did not even come within speaking distance of CHALIDC. Subject knows nothing about CHALIDC except that he, CHALIDC, is an old man, approximately 50 years of age, married to a German woman, that their marital life is not harmonious due to an age-difference between CHALIDC and his wife, and that CHALIDC's wife gives favors freely to younger men. Subject said that CHALIDC is an ignorant person with no speciality and is suited only for common laborer work.

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Subject advised that it was he who telephoned [] when he, Subject, found out from another Circassian refugee that CHALMOC was preparing to repatriate to the Soviet Union. Subject stated that he was very concerned with CHALMOC's proposed repatriation not because CHALMOC is, or might be a person of importance, but because of the fact that CHALMOC's repatriation would be considered a propaganda victory for the Soviets, especially against the local Circassian colony. Subject explained that to him it is evident that CHALMOC made plans to repatriate to the Soviet Union, not on his own initiative, (he is too stupid and uneducated to do this on his own,) but obviously with the help of some individuals who are knowledgeable of the processes involved in repatriation (that of going to the Soviet Embassy or Soviet representatives, filling out proper papers, etc). Subject stated that he never approached or even considered recruitment of CHALMOC, specifically as a possible candidate for the ARSBAUM program.

2. During the discussion about CHALMOC Subject also mentioned the following about another repatriate to the Soviet Union:

About six months ago Israel DOODY (or DOODY) (MR IND) repatriated to the Soviet Union and alone, probably has corresponded with Michael CHUR (or CHU) (MR IND) who resides at 225 Meador Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. After DOODY repatriated to the Soviet Union, an article appeared in the Liberalizer Newspaper, Newark, New Jersey, dated [] and his statement about how good he was being treated in the Soviet Union. This article was forwarded to CHUR, who circulated this paper among other Circassian refugees.

Subject also mentioned that he is rather suspicious of an individual whom he considers to be pro-Bolshevik and who, when he drinks, talks too freely about how good the Soviets are. This individual's true name is Reuchel HANAGHIAN (MR IND) now using the name of Tom HANAGHIAN (MR IND), approximately 48 years of age, married, wife's name is Eadie, who is approximately 42-43 years of age and who works in a New York medal shop. HANAGHIAN was at one time a case officer in either the Soviet militia or KGB in Krasnodar, May. At present, HANAGHIAN lives in New York, in the city of Bronx, however, previously lived and worked in Newark, New Jersey with the Atlantic and Pacific Bus Company. This was until approximately nine months ago. Subject stated that although at present HANAGHIAN is unemployed, he always has money which he throws around and is continuously on a drinking binge. Subject does not think that HANAGHIAN is politically reliable and believes him to be sympathetic to Communism.

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. When Subject was interrogated regarding the general contacts with foreign intelligence organizations, he advised of his contact with British Intelligence. Subject said that now looking in retrospect at what has occurred, he believed that the contact by the British may have been a British attempt at feeling out Subject regarding recruitment. Subject here stated that he did arrange a contact between the British official MacDONALD (Subject now pronounced and wrote the name out as MacDONALD) and MATHO (inf. sec.). Subject related that MATHO had two such contacts with the British. During one of these meetings Subject brought MATHO to a balling where a British pilot (name unknown) who worked for Arab Airways, lived and wrote the name out as MacDONALD and another Englishman and another time took MATHO to meet MacDONALD and another Englishman (who spoke to MATHO in Russian). During this latter meeting, Subject sat in MacDONALD's car and listened while MATHO and the Russian speaking Englishman spoke to and questioned MATHO.

2. This information was not given by Subject in any of his previous polygraph interrogations nor was Subject questioned about this phase other than in general terms. IMI report dated 15 October 1957 indicates that Subject claimed no presence in the car during MATHO's interview.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Test 1 and 2:

60. Did you actively participate in Circassian refugee politics during your trip?
Answer: No.
61. Have you exaggerated your relationship with PAUL MERTY?
Answer: No.
62. Can you really recruit Fawis MATHO?
Answer: Yes.
63. Did you tell anyone during your trip that you work for American Intelligence?
Answer: No.
64. Did you ever speak badly about HANUEL or his father?
Answer: No.
65. Did you ever have any contacts with representatives of Soviet Intelligence?
Answer: No.
66. Were you in Syria during your last trip?
Answer: No.

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64. Did you visit the Soviet Consulate in 1954?
Answer: No.

74. Did you ever urge anyone to return to the Soviet Union?
Answer: No.

Part 3 and 4:

5. Are you intentionally hiding anything you said against KHRUSHCHEV and the Tolstol Fund?
Answer: No.

6. Are you intentionally hiding any secret contacts you had which are unknown to the Americans?
Answer: No.

7. Do you correspond with anyone in the Soviet Union?
Answer: No.

8. Are you intentionally hiding about any unauthorized divulgence by you of your contact with American Intelligence?
Answer: No.

9. Are you intentionally hiding any violation of orders about your not participating in refugee politics?
Answer: No.

10. Are you intentionally hiding anything about your association with the Bolsheviks (Communists) after 1933?
Answer: No.

11. Are you intentionally hiding your actual relationship with Said NURTI?
Answer: No.

12. Are you intentionally hiding any "Flags" about your cover on the trip?
Answer: No.

13. Are you intentionally hiding anything about any of your contacts or associations with Soviet Intelligence?
Answer: No.

14. Are you intentionally hiding anything about your attempts at recruiting Circassian refugees in America?
Answer: No.

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